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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

[X] This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed within three months of the filing date of the entry of the National Stage, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491, in an International application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

A. [X] The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

B. [X] The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

1. JP 3-16989 B (Cite No. B5) was cited in the specification; an abridged translation of a related application, JP 60-99180 A, is provided herewith.
2. JP 1-46485 B (Cite No. B9) was cited in the specification; an abridged translation of a related application, JP 115507 A, is provided herewith.

3. JP 7-25659 B (Cite No. B11) was cited in the specification; an abridged translation of a related application, JP 2-145505 A, is provided herewith.
4. Japanese Patent No. 2761936 (Cite No. B12) was cited in the specification; an abridged translation of a related application, JP 3-81213 A, is provided herewith.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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